Work Task E8: Cibola Valley Conservation Area

Partners: Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD)

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

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Purpose: Potential riparian habitat research and habitat creation.

Conservation Measures: Potential site for creation of habitat for the covered species.

Long-Term Goal: To conduct restoration research and create as much viable habitat

as possible on these 1,017 acres.

Location: About 15 miles south of Blythe, CA from RM 98.8 to 104.9. The

1,017 acres is comprised of a number of parcels adjacent to the LCR in Township 1 North, Range 23 West within Sections 19, 20, and 21 and Township 1 North, Range 24 West within Sections 24, 25, and 36, La Paz County, Arizona. These lands lie north of Baseline Road. Cibola National Wildlife Refuge lies to the south

of Baseline Road.

FY05 Estimate: \$120,000 for in-house staff costs to evaluate and plan the habitat

creation project.

Project Description: Portions of the Cibola Valley, owned by Mohave County Water

Authority, are being evaluated as a potential habitat creation project. The intent of the assessment is to determine possible restoration research projects and accomplish as much viable habitat

creation as possible on these 1,319 acres.

The initial Assessment has been completed. Phase I, an 80 parcel, which would establish a native plant collection area and initiate the habitat creation process is being evaluated for FY05. Discussions with AGFD on land ownership and management options has

begun.